

Increasing home ties marks increasing civilization. The plant scatters its seeds to the wind and follows them no further; the fish spawns her eggs in the stream and leaves them to their fate; the young of different animals are able to help themselves almost as soon as born, but the human infant must spend years in helplessness before going forth into the world. Why is this? Partly that that wonderful organ, the brain, may develop, but mostly as Drummond points out, that the child may be trained for the duties of human social life. To pride one's self on early independence is therefore to glory in barbarism, not in civilization. And it is the glory of the mother that God has given to her so great and sacred a charge as that of training immortal souls. How careful, how prayerful, how faithful she ought to be! And what a responsibility upon the father too in guarding and caring for the home! In these last days the public schools and the kindergarten, the Sunday-school and the Junior society, the bicycle and other things are snatching the child away from its home and alas, too many parents are content to turn the teaching of the child over to the public. How many neglect family worship and the teaching of the Bible in the home! How many fail to be *confidential* with their children and leave them unwarned of the things they will sooner or later learn from their companions—perhaps to their ruin. In all the ages God has made the home the unit of society. Let it remain so. Let children love it above the associations of the streets; let them honor it and grace it with filial virtues which are rich-laden with blessings here and in the world to come.

## SCRIPTURE LIGHT

1. The first command with promise, Ex. 20:12.
2. Honoring by obedience, Prov. 1:7, 8; Col. 3:20, 21; Eph. 6:1-4.
3. Honoring by reverence, I Tim. 5:4.
4. Honoring by good conduct, Prov. 23:24.
5. Joseph's example, Gen. 45:9-11.
6. Christ's example, Luke 2:51; John 19:26.
6. Duties of children to parents a type of duties to our Heavenly Father, I John 3:10; Eph. 5:1; I Peter 1:14; Matt. 5:45.

## TOPIC FOR TWO-MINUTE TALKS

1. How can children help to make home happy?
2. How should children treat unchristian parents?
3. What can parents do to hold their children more faithful?
4. Give some illustrations of filial devotion.
5. Two bad boys and who was to blame, I Sam. 3:11-14; I Tim. 3:4.
6. One of the evils of the last days, I Tim. 3:1-5; Matt. 10:21.
7. Absalom's evil example and its lessons, II Sam. 15:6, 13.

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## Topic Thoughts

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Do we need any exhortation to honor those to whom we are bound by all the ties of blood and love? Ought we to be urged to show affection and respect to the parents who gave us life itself, and who, by many a hard sacrifice, led us up the toilsome way of childhood and youth, counting no cost too dear if all might be well with us? Surely, if there be aught that is human, aught that is noble, aught that is divine in our hearts, we will do prompt and glad honor to father and mother.

He is not worthy of honor who honors not his parents.

Disrespect to parents is disobedience to God.

He is the finest gentleman who is most courteous to his mother.

They are not masters of the world who have not first been subject to their parents.

Better speak words of love to the living parent than words of praise about the dead.

To feel that our parents are proud of us, and that with reason; to know that father talks with his friends about our progress and that mother looks upon us with gladness and with a heart that daily thanks God for our lives—than this there is no sweeter pleasure and no holier reward this side the stars. It is by living such a life as this, a life that makes our parents rejoice, that we do them highest honor.

Choose for your best friend the best Son, the Son of God.

Obedience is the first means of showing honor. We cannot disobey our parents and still do them honor, any more than we can honor God by breaking his law. No sweet words that we can say and no offering that we can bring to those we love can take the place of filial obedience. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice," wrote the prophet. We best honor our parents by heeding their will.

The honoring of our parents is not only a duty but a debt.

Christ was subject to his parents. The fair deduction is that we cannot live a Christ-like life unless we yield obedience to those whom God has set in authority over us.

They best honor father and mother who themselves live honorable lives.

He is worthy of other friends who makes his parents his best friends.

## Do You Care?

Does any one care for father?

Does any one think of the one

Upon whose tired shoulders

The cares of the family come?

The father who strives for your comfort

And toils on from day unto day,

Altho his steps ever grow slower,

And his dark locks are turning gray.

Does any one think of the due bills

He's called upon daily to pay?

Milliner's bills, college bills, book bills—

There are some kinds of bills every day.

Like a patient horse in a tread-mill,

He works on from morning till night;

Does any one think he is tired?

Does any one make his home bright?

Is it right, just because he looks troubled,

To say he's as "cross as a bear?"

Kind words, little actions, and kindness

Might banish his burden of care.

'Tis for you he's ever so anxious;

He will toil for you while he may live;

In return he only asks kindness,

And such pay is easy to give.

## HOW MANY WERE THERE?

Here is a problem in Bible Arithmetic. We will publish the names of all who will send us a correct answer to the problem:

A teacher being asked how many scholars were in his Sabbath-school, replied, "If you multiply the number of Jacob's sons by the number of times which the Israelites compassed Jericho on the seventh day, and add to the product the number of measures of barley which Boaz gave Ruth; divide this by the number of Haman's son's; subtract the number of unclean beasts that went into

the ark; multiply by the number of men that went to seek Elijah after he was taken to heaven; subtract from this Joseph's age at the time he stood before Pharaoh; divide by the number of stones David selected to kill Goliath; subtract the number of furlongs that Bethany was distant from Jerusalem; multiply by the number of anchors cast out at the time of Paul's shipwreck, and subtract the number of people saved in the ark, the remainder will be the number of scholars in the school."

How many were there?

## The Christian Life

## Jesus in the English Alphabet

Author of salvation,	Hebrew 5:9
Bishop of the soul,	1 Peter 2:25
Christ Jesus our Lord,	2 Timothy 1:2
Deliverer from evil,	Galatians 1:4
Elect precious stone,	1 Peter 2:6
Foundation laid—Jesus,	1 Corinthians 3:11
God manifest in flesh,	1 Timothy 3:16
Head of the church,	Ephesians 5:23
Immanuel—God with us,	Isaiah 7:14
Jesus Savior from sins,	Matthew 1:21
King of kings,	Revelation 19:16
Lord of lords,	Revelation 19:16
Man of sorrows,	Isaiah 53:3
Nazarine,	Matthew 2:23
Omnipotent One,	Matthew 28:18
Prince of Peace,	Isaiah 9:6
Quickener,	John 5:21
Redeemer,	Titus 2:14
Son of God,	Mark 15:39
Teacher from God,	John 3:2
Unction from Holy One,	1 John 2:20
Vine—the true vine,	John 15:5
Word made flesh,	John 1:14
X—bearing his cross,	John 19:17
Your Lord and Master,	John 13:14
Zion's God reigneth,	Isaiah 52:7

The verses from which the above extracts are taken contain a fund of divine truth edifying to Bible students.

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## "BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS"

Recently, on a beautiful Sunday evening, while sitting in a yard enjoying the pleasant breeze, my attention was attracted by two children, a brother and sister, running down the street. Just as they came opposite me the little brother ran upon some obstruction, which threw him upon his face. The little sister, with tender, loving arms, immediately stooped and lifted him to his feet.

I was at once reminded of the great love which God's people should have for one another. Just as the little sister with loving arms raised her fallen brother, God would have us as his children lift up those who fall by the wayside in the Christian race; and until we reach the point where we are willing, through the great love which we have for one another, to reach down in the mire and pull up our sinking brother, we will not have reached the high standard of Christian